

## **CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS, DECEMBER 5, 2006, AT 6:15 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Leon Valley, Texas, met for a Council Workshop Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2006 at 6:15 p.m., at the Leon Valley City Council Chambers, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

### **Call to Order.**

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order and asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of Council were present: Maloy, Reyna, Semmelmann, and Dean.

City Manager Brummett, City Secretary Feutz, Community Development Director Smith, and City Attorney Jacobson were also present.

### **Citizens to be heard.**

Resident Carol Poss expressed her appreciation for the "Lion's Roar" Newsletter and expressed her concerns about some articles in the publication.

Resident Bob Flaughner commended the staff and Council for their efforts to communicate better with the public through the "Lion's Roar", the website and the marquees. He asked Council to consider having the information in the "Lion's Roar" be neutral, rather than personal opinions.

### **Discussion of guidelines for items submitted for publication in the "Lion's Roar" Newsletter.**

Community Development Director Smith provided background information to Council on the "Lion's Roar" Newsletter which was created in the 1960's. She described how the newsletter had been used to publicize city events, introduce new Council members and employees, new City programs and also to post events and ads for schools and local clubs. Ms. Smith described legal considerations, production costs and layout options of the newsletter. Ms. Smith explained that to increase the newsletter to twelve pages, the newsletter would be printed on tabloid size paper and that the extra space would allow for additional space for all Councilmembers to submit articles and allow articles from appointed Committees.

Councilmember Rangel took his seat on the dias at 6:45 p.m.

Council discussion considered Texas Congressional rules for articles in publically funded newsletters, having the newsletter be self-sustaining with paid ads, increasing the size of the newsletter, and legal considerations regarding information in the newsletter. The City Attorney reminded council that articles in the newsletter cannot be used to promote any particular issue or candidate but rather the newsletter should be used to relay information to the public.

Following discussion, the City Manager proposed for staff to prepare an action item for Council's consideration at the next City Council meeting to consider alternatives for the size of the newsletter.

With no further discussion, Mayor Riley adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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Chris Riley

Mayor

ATTEST:

Marie Feutz

City Secretary

*Approved by vote of City Council at the Regular City Council Meeting of December 19, 2006*